

years in working in the political effort in Idaho and here in Washington. I had the privilege of hiring Greg to be a field director for me in my first congressional campaign. He came to Washington with me and served in a variety of capacities, ultimately becoming my chief of staff while I served in the House, left to go to Idaho to rebuild an organization called the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry into a major force as a spokesman for business and industry in the State of Idaho. When I was elected to the Senate in 1990, I asked Greg to return with me to put my Senate staff together and he has served as my chief of staff since that time.

I am extremely excited for Greg and his family, and for Idaho, that the majority leader has chosen him to become the Sergeant of Arms here in the Senate, a very large responsibility. I am extremely proud that Greg now has the opportunity to serve in that capacity, not only for the Senate but for our country and for the State of Idaho.

I, on behalf of Idaho, can speak with a great deal of pride in saying we know Idaho is extremely proud today to have Greg Casey as the new Sergeant at Arms here in the U.S. Senate. Greg, congratulations. We will look forward to working with you, and also we will seek your counsel from time to time as it comes to the administration of my office and my offices in the State of Idaho.

Again, thank you, Mr. Majority Leader, for yielding. Let me now yield to my colleague, Senator DIRK KEMPTHORNE, who also has had a close working relationship with Greg Casey over many years.

Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Mr. President, I join in commending the majority leader for his decision in naming Greg Casey as our new Sergeant at Arms. It is an outstanding decision, and again I think it reflects well on the majority leader and the sort of individuals that he is surrounding himself with to carry out these very, very, critical issues and functions relating to this institution.

I have known Greg Casey for many, many years. We attended the University of Idaho together in the mid-1970's. In fact, it was at the University of Idaho that I had the honor to serve as student body president. I must acknowledge that Senator CRAIG also had the distinction of serving as student body president at the University of Idaho. It was in that capacity that I named Greg Casey to fill a vacancy that was on the student senate.

One of the things that I have always admired about Greg Casey is his devotion to what has to be done, his devotion at that time to the university, to the State, and as I have seen him in this atmosphere, his absolute devotion to this country.

We have named a patriot, now, to be the Sergeant at Arms of this institution. He is an individual who brings great enthusiasm to anything he does, a great energy level. He is an individ-

ual who brings innovation to everything he touches. I know whenever his tenure as Sergeant at Arms is complete he will be regarded as truly one of the best Sergeants at Arms that the U.S. Senate in its history ever had.

He also has the ability to stick to it. I think this is probably something that the majority leader, Senator LOTT, has recognized, and that is if you want a job done, have Greg Casey given the assignment because he will get it done, no matter what it takes, but he will do it with a style and with a dignity, and with a tenacity that you never have to doubt whether it will be done.

I also want to acknowledge that we talk about having good people around you. Well, Greg Casey has good people around him. In the late 1980's, he introduced me to a young lady that truly is a remarkable woman, Julia Laky, who then in 1990 became Mrs. Greg Casey. In the life that we have shared together, I had the honor as serving as best man at his wedding. Again, they are the sort of people that you are proud to say are our friends, we like them, the values that they have in their home are the values that America believes in. And I remember that, following the wedding, I guess it falls on the best man to make a toast. So I made the toast that their home would be blessed with more than just the two of them, and up there joining their family is Gregory Scott Casey, Jr. He is a fifth generation Idahoan. His dad is a fourth generation Idahoan.

I would like to say this to little Greg: Your dad is a great man, and he is someone that we all look up to. I know that just as little Gregory Scott Casey is in wonderful hands with his dad, Greg, and his mom, Julia, this Senate is in good hands with this new Sergeant at Arms, Greg Casey. So I am proud to call him a friend. He is someone that is going to serve us well. Again, I commend the majority leader for his decision in making this happen.

Mr. CRAIG addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Idaho, Mr. CRAIG, is recognized.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, certainly Senator KEMPTHORNE and I, by our comments, can display only great pride in the fact that the majority leader has chosen Greg Casey to be our new Sergeant at Arms. We reflect that pride for our State of Idaho.

I say to Greg, his wife Julia, and Gregory, Jr., congratulations, we look forward to a good number of years working with you during your service in the U.S. Senate. I congratulate the majority leader for a wise choice.

Mr. DASCHLE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The minority leader is recognized.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, let me join with my colleagues in our congratulations to Gregory Casey for his appointment and our best wishes to him and his family in these very important new circumstances he faces. There are a number of people that have

already spoken to his intelligence, ability, and his contribution to the Senate. I have had the opportunity to work with him as a member of the Ethics Committee and have watched with great admiration as he has taken on each of his difficult tasks in working with the Senators from Idaho.

So I know I speak for all of my colleagues on this side in wishing him our sincere congratulations. Isaac Bassett, who worked in this great Chamber for 64 years, up until 1894, left a diary of many thousands of pages. When he was appointed to his last position, he came to the floor and said there is no higher calling than that of public service in the U.S. Senate. I think Greg Casey appreciates that, understands that, and in the tradition of Isaac Bassett, and many of us who have had the great fortune to follow him, we look forward to working with him in a new role.

I yield the floor.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I just want to say how impressed I am with the excellent comments and statements that have been made by my colleagues about someone that Members of the Senate have known over a long period of time. I have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Casey. But having the name Casey, if you track back over a long period, there must have been a Democrat in there somewhere. [Laughter.]

I know I can speak, as well, along with the minority leader and assure my colleagues that we will be fairly treated as well.

Congratulations, Mr. Casey.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I believe we are ready now to go to the Defense of Marriage Act. Perhaps we will lay that bill down.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now proceed to the consideration of H.R. 3396, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3396) to define and protect the institution of marriage.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I yield myself 10 minutes off of the time allocated to the Defense of Marriage Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I will not take much of the Senate's time to express my strong support for the Defense of Marriage Act this morning. It has already been discussed in earlier debate, and I am sure it is going to be supported eloquently by speeches later on today from Senator NICKLES of